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THE CINCINNATI LIBRARY SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

REPORT FOR 1913

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THE Cincinnati Library Society for the Blind provides books in three different embossed types, New York Point, Moon System and Line Letter; also embossed maps, catalogues in New York Point, jigsaw puzzles and playing cards. As the Society is a private organization and the books can be sent through the mails free, this Library is able to loan the books to the blind throughout the United States and Canada. In this way many living in small towns where there are no books in embossed type are given the pleasure of reading. There are now 655 borrowers and to show how they appreciate the books the following extracts from letters are quoted: "It is a mile and a half to my Post Office and my husband walks through cold or heat, as he and I both enjoy reading, especially fiction, which seems to break the monotony of our lonely country life. I do not think that your noble work could have cheered anyone more than it has us." Another writes: "I have been getting books from your Library since the latter part of 1909, and you may know what a boon they are to me, when I tell you that reading constitutes the greatest pleasure of my life, and that all my school books were burned in my old home some years ago, and I have nothing but my Bible." During this, the thirteenth year of the Society, the circulation of books was 4,549.

While there are millions of books published for the sighted, there is a very small portion of these reproduced in embossed type on account of the great cost of making the stereotype plates, so the Society has asked a few authors to pay a blind person for transcribing some of their books by hand. In this way good books are added to the Library and

employment is given to those who need it. To Mr. Harold McGrath the Society is greatly indebted for "The Man on the Box," and to Mr. John Fox, Jr. for "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come."

Besides providing reading matter for the blind, the Society endeavors to help them in many ways; first, by sending them to an oculist to see if there be any hope of regaining the sight. Dr. Robert Sattler, who most generously gives his services and the use of his hospital, has in some cases

THE OLDEST WORKER OF THE SOCIETY WHO IS BOTH DEAF AND BLIND.

been successful in restoring partial sight and relieving many. Through the kindness of friends clothing has been given to the most needy. The Ohio Commission for the Blind continues to give needle work to about fifty women. This work is received and distributed at the Public Library by volunteer workers every Friday morning. At these classes reading and writing the embossed type are taught, also knitting, crocheting and plain sewing. As it is impossible for the women to come to the Library alone, it is necessary to provide guides. Many have been brought on the street cars, while others have enjoyed the automobiles of Mrs. Nathan Meiss and Mrs. William Stern, who have generously given the use of their cars for several years.

Aileen Kerr, the deaf-blind girl, made wonderful progress in her studies during the past year. She is now studying history, rhetoric and geography, writing with a lead pencil and also typewriting. She speaks distinctly and by placing her finger on the lips can understand what is being said.

The three regular weekly readings which are conducted by volunteers are well attended, for all are eager to hear the current events and new books. One evening each month a special entertainment is planned, usually a good lecture, music or elocution. The monthly musicales which Mrs. L. M. Hosea continues to give at her home are a great source of pleasure. Early in June the annual picnic was given at Clovernook Home for the Blind. Through the efforts of Mrs. Jennie March and Mrs. Jonas B. Frenkel, automobiles were secured to take the blind to this country home where they enjoyed the swings, hammocks, a good dinner and the

"Pork Chop Quartet" which Mrs. March very thoughtfully sent out for the pleasure of the guests.

The Society wishes to extend its heartiest thanks to all those who made this work possible by giving either of their time or money; to the Cincinnati Traction Company, and to the South Covington and Cincinnati Street Railway Company, whose liberal supply of street car tickets made it possible for the blind to enjoy the privileges of the Library, and

BLIND WOMAN ENJOYING A MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

to the Library for the care and housing of the books and for subscribing to the magazines.

The Cincinnati Library Society for the Blind is entirely dependent upon private subscriptions for its support. Donations would be most gratefully received.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I devise and bequeath to the Cincinnati Library Society for the Blind, to be applied to the benevolent uses and purposes of said Society and under its direction, (insert description of the money or property given.)

Regular Readers

Mr. Frank W. Burgoyne ..... Monday evening
Mrs. S. M. Richardson ..... Wednesday afternoon
Mrs. Henry Bettman, Miss Elizabeth Foerster, Mr. Dave Grodsky, Miss Berta Harper, Mrs. Harold Longley, Mrs. Max Stern ..... Saturday afternoon

Substitute Readers

Mrs. Louis Drack
Miss Berta Harper
Miss Blanche Lowenstein
Mr. Lawrence Murphy
Mr. Walter Petzhold

Those Who Gave Monthly Entertainments

Mrs. Blanche Shepherd Bartlett
Dr. J. D. Buck
Mr. Edward S. Ebbert
Rev. B. R. Wilburn
Rev. Lester Leake Riley
Mrs. G. H. Thomas and Mr. Burnet Jordan
Pupils of the Conservatory of Music.
Pupils of the Cincinnati School of Expression.

Guides and Helpers

Miss Nellie Babbitt
Miss Virginia W. Cox
Mrs. Louis Ehrgott
Mrs. Jonas B. Frenkel
Mrs. Stanley Goldman
Mrs. C. A. Hartupee
Mrs. Jennie March
Miss Rachael Meyerfeld
Mrs. Albert Noelke
Miss Madeline Rollman
Mrs. William Rosenthal
Mrs. Fred W. Snell
Mrs. William Stern

Taught to read through the mail in the following places, Urbana, O., White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Oberlin, O. and St. Joseph, Mo. 4

Taught to read and write in Cincinnati	8
Taught to knit, sew, crochet and make raffia baskets	6
Writing boards distributed	15
Decks of cards distributed	87

Gifts of Books

Bible Training School	3
Miss Julia Byrd	3
Evangelistical Religious Society for the Blind	10
Gould Library	4
Mr. Harold MacGrath	4
Mrs. Jennie March	2
Mr. J. W. Southworth	3
St. Xavier's Publishing House	29
Unknown	8
Wisconsin School for the Blind	4
Ziegler Publishing Co.	2

Miscellaneous Gifts

Mrs. James J. Wolf	clothing
Mrs. J. S. Wiles	clothing
Mrs. Homer A. Wessel	4 doz. oranges
The U. S. Playing Card Co.	14 doz. decks of cards
Mrs. Charles P. Taft	two season Symphony tickets
H. D. Smith and Co.	10 lbs. candy
Mr. Charles Reinhart	40 lbs. candy and 160 boxes
Mrs. Jonas B. Frenkel	box of oranges
Mrs. Frances Farnsworth	clothing
The Alms and Doepke Co.	$5.00 worth of merchandise
Cincinnati Traction Co.	9600 street car tickets

The Baldwin Piano Co. furnished the piano for the Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. Thomas J. Emery gave the ice cream and cakes for the Christmas entertainment.

Yearly Subscribers

Mr. Max Ackerland	$5 00
Mrs. Louise N. Anderson	10 00
Mrs. W. P. Anderson	10 00
Ault and Wiborg Co.	10 00
Mrs. A. Bloom	1 00
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Mr. Jesse Clark	5 00
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Mrs. Charles Fleischmann	10 00
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Mrs. M. Frank	2 00
Mr. J. Walter Freiberg	10 00
Mr. Maurice J. Freiberg	20 00
Friend	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Gamble	25 00
Mr. James N. Gamble	25 00
Mr. Henry Geiershofer	10 00
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Mr. Samuel E. Hilles	10 00
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Mr. N. D. C. Hodges	5 00
Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmes	15 00
Mr. Waldemar H. Jacob	$5 00
Mr. Charles Kuhn	15 00
Mr. Harry M. Levy	10 00
Miss Cordelia Lieberman, Atlanta, Ga.	3 00
Mr. H. Lieberman, Louisville, Ky.	5 00
Mr. M. E. McCallister, Madison, S. Dakota	10 00
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Mr. J. G. Schmidlapp	25 00
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Mr. Charles Shohl	10 00
Mr. Aaron L. Stix	5 00
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South Covington and Cincinnati St. R. R. Co.	25 00
Mr. W. B. Thalheimer	10 00
Mrs. G. H. Thomas	25 00
Miss E. M. Werk	2 00
Mrs. James J. Wolf	5 00
Cash received for "New York Point" catalogues	5 60